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7. ☒ Please immediately start national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)).
8. ☒ **A copy of the International Application** as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (file if in English but, if in foreign language, file only if not transmitted to PTO by the International Bureau) including:
- a. ☒ Request;
- b. ☒ Abstract;
- c. 102 pgs. Spec. and Claims;
- d. 15 sheet(s) Drawing which are ☐ informal ☒ formal of size ☒ A4 ☐ 13" ☐ 14"
9. ☒ **A copy of the International Application has been transmitted by the International Bureau.**
10. **A translation of the International Application** into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- a. ☐ is transmitted herewith including: (1) ☐ Request; (2) ☐ Abstract;
- (3) _____ pgs. Spec. and Claims;
- (4) _____ sheet(s) Drawing which are:
- ☐ informal ☐ formal of size ☐ A4 ☐ 11"
- b. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in English.
- c. ☐ is not herewith, but will be filed when required by the forthcoming PTO Missing Requirements Notice per Rule 494(c) if box 4(a) is X'd or Rule 495(c) if box 4(b) is X'd.
- d. ☐ Translation verification attached (not required now).

11. ☒ **PLEASE AMEND** the specification before its first line by inserting a separate paragraph:

- a. ☒ --This application is the national phase of international application PCT/US97/02187 filed February 6, 1997 which designated the U.S.--
b. ☐ --This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/, filed ---

12. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., before 18th month from first priority date above in item 3, are transmitted herewith (file if in English but, if in foreign language, file only if not transmitted by the International Bureau) including:

13. ☒ PCT Article 19 claim amendments (if any) have been transmitted by the International Bureau

14. ☐ Translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)), i.e., of claim amendments made before 18th month, is attached (required by 20th month from the date in item 3 if box 4(a) above is X'd, or 30th month if box 4(b) is X'd, or else amendments will be considered canceled).

15. **A declaration of the inventor** (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))

- a. ☐ is submitted herewith ☐ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy
b. ☒ is not herewith, but will be filed when required by the forthcoming PTO Missing Requirements Notice per Rule 494(c) if box 4(a) is X'd or Rule 495(c) if box 4(b) is X'd.

16. **An International Search Report (ISR):**

- a. Was prepared by ☐ European Patent Office ☐ Japanese Patent Office ☒ Other
b. ☒ has been transmitted by the international Bureau to PTO.
c. ☒ copy herewith (1 pg(s).) ☐ plus Annex of family members (--- pg(s).).

17. **International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER):**

- a. ☒ has been transmitted (if this letter is filed after 28 months from date in item 3) in English by the International Bureau with Annexes (if any) in original language.
b. ☒ copy herewith in English.
c.1 ☐ IPER Annex(es) in original language ("Annexes" are amendments made to claims/spec/drawings during Examination) including attached amended:
c.2 ☐ Specification/claim pages # --- claims # ---
Dwg Sheets # ---
d. ☐ Translation of Annex(es) to IPER (required by 30th month due date, or else annexed amendments will be considered canceled).

18. **Information Disclosure Statement** including:

- a. ☒ Attached Form PTO-1449 listing documents
b. ☐ Attached copies of documents listed on Form PTO-1449
c. ☒ A concise explanation of relevance of ISR references is given in the ISR.

19. ☐ **Assignment** document and Cover Sheet for recording are attached. Please mail the recorded assignment document back to the person whose signature, name and address appear at the end of this letter.

20. ☐ Copy of Power to IA agent.

21. ☐ **Drawings:** --- sheet(s) per set: ☐ 1 set informal; ☐ Formal of size ☐ A4 ☐ 11"

22. ☐ --- (No.) **Verified Statement(s)** establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27

23. **Priority** is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on the priority claim and the certified copy, both filed in the International Application during the international stage based on the filing in (country) United States of:

	Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)	08/597,313	06 FEB 1996	(2)	
(3)			(4)	
(5)			(6)	

- a. ☒ See Form PCT/IB/304 sent to US/DO with copy of priority documents. If copy has not been received, please proceed promptly to obtain same from the IB.
b. ☒ Copy of Form PCT/IB/304 attached.

24. Attached:

25. Preliminary Amendment:

25.5 Per Item 17.c3, cancel original pages # _____, claims # _____, Drawing Sheets # _____26. Calculation of the U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1)) and other fees is as follows:
based on amended claim(s) per above item(s) ☐ 12, ☐ 14, ☐ 17, ☐ 25, ☐ 25.5 (hilitte)

Total Effective Claims	34	minus 20 =	14	x \$22/\$11	=	\$308	966/967
Independent Claims	2	minus 3 =	0	x \$82/\$41	=	\$	964/965
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See item 16 re:

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27. SUBTOTAL = \$40628. If Assignment box 19 above is X'd, add Assignment Recording fee of ----\$4040.00 +0 (581)29. Attached is a check to cover the ----- TOTAL FEES \$406

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